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**Detroit Edison, United Solar Systems 'Rays The Roof' At Cass Technical High School
With Installation of \$100,000 Solar Panels**

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WHAT: Detroit Edison and United Solar Systems Corp. are hosting a dedication ceremony of the \$100,000 solar curriculum and solar panels that the companies designed and provided especially for Cass Technical High School in Detroit. Cass Tech -- one of Detroit Edison's 31 partnership schools -- is the only high school in the nation to have such alternative energy equipment and this particular curriculum. The solar photovoltaic panels, which generate 2,142 watts of electricity, are installed on Cass Tech's roof.

WHO: Michigan Rep. Hansen Clarke, Cass Technical High School alumnus
Michigan Rep. Artina Tinsley-Hardman
Michigan Rep. Virgil Smith
Detroit Public School officials
Cass Technical High School Principal George Cohen, staff and students

WHERE: On the ROOF of Cass Technical High School, 2421 Second Ave.,
Detroit

(PLEASE NOTE: A required check-in desk is located in the school's lobby,
immediately inside the Second Avenue entrance.)

WHEN: Monday, May 22, 2000.

10 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. Media, dignitaries, other guests assemble on the school's

roof. The school's ROTC students will chaperone event attendees.

10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m.

* Remarks by dignitaries, Cass Tech principal and Detroit Edison and United Solar Systems Corp. officers.

* Cass Tech students use solar cookers they built to cook hot dogs.

* Cass Tech students race solar-powered model cars they built.

* Cass Tech students demonstrate solar panel data tracking and computer analysis

WHY: As a result of participation by Detroit Edison and United Solar Systems Corp. in The May 1999 National Town Hall Meeting, chaired by Vice President Al Gore and held at Cobo Center, the companies agreed to provide a "sustainable legacy project" to teach area students about alternative energy.

GREAT VISUAL: ON THE ROOFTOP, STUDENTS WILL COOK HOT DOGS WITH SOLAR POWERED COOKERS, RACE SOLAR POWERED MODEL CARS TO MARK THE DEDICATION, AND DEMONSTRATE SOLAR ENERGY DATA ACQUISITION AND ANALYSIS ON A COMPUTER.

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